

# The Liberty Cart Opens July 7



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### Kimberly Edwards Crowned Miss Beulaville

**By Dolan Brown**  
The 1978 Miss Beulaville Pageant was presented Friday night, July 1st, by the Beulaville Jaycees. This year's pageant was held in the new East Duplin Fine Arts Building.

The pageant got underway at 8 p.m. with Pageant Chairman, Jerry Hunter, introducing the Mistress of Ceremonies, Susan Griffin of High Point. Miss Griffin is no newcomer to pageants. She is the first Miss High Point to win the title

of Miss North Carolina, and compete for the title of Miss America. She has performed in and judged many other pageants. Miss Griffin was a real crown pleaser Friday night. She performed several songs which evidenced her singing talents.

Special entertainment was provided by the East Duplin Drill Team. This group of young ladies is always well received by their audiences. After the swimsuit competition came the most important part of the pageant, the talent competition. Talent counts 50 percent of the contestant's score. A variety of talent was performed, singing, dancing, and piano playing.

The final phase of the competition was the evening gown competition. While the panel of judges were marking their final scores, Miss Beulaville 1977, Yvette Miller, was introduced. Miss Miller made her farewell speech as Miss Beulaville, thanking everyone for their help in her year as Miss Beulaville.

The moment finally came for the announcement of the new Miss Beulaville 1978. The first award was the Mrs. Shirley Shelton Award, Miss Congeniality. Miss Barbara Gale Bostic was the recipient of this award. Virginia (Ginny) Williams was named the 2nd Runner-Up. Barbara Gale Bostic, Miss Congeniality, was also the 1st Runner-Up. Then Kimberly Anne Edwards was named Miss Beulaville 1978.

The Beulaville Jaycees and Jaycettes did a wonderful job again this year, and should be commended for their efforts.



MISS BEULAVILLE PAGEANT WINNERS are, left to right, Barbara Gale Bostic, 1st Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality, Miss Beulaville 1978, Kimberly Ann Edwards, and 2nd Runner-Up Virginia (Ginny) Williams. (Photos by Dolan Brown)



ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR - (L to R) Jimmy Strickland receives congratulations and trophy from Lloyd Parker after being named "Rotarian of the Year" during the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club Ladies Night held at The Country Squire last Thursday.



PAST PRESIDENT - (L to R) Bill Powell, out-going Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary President, is shown receiving a Past President's pin from new President, Johnny Powell during Ladies Night last Thursday.

### Board Adopts Budget

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners adopted a budget of \$6,232,393 for the 1977-1978 fiscal year in a special session Thursday.

The county's tax rate will remain at 99 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

The board received a letter from Governor James Hunt saying the county will receive \$256,000 from the state's allocation of federal local public works fund (LPW).

The county must file an application for this sum, along with a letter from the governor authorizing the county to receive this amount from the LPW allocation. The fund will be in addition to the \$344,000 the county will receive directly from the LPW fund.

It also provides \$188,265 for current expenses for James Sprunt Institute and \$158,440 for capital outlay.

The county mental health department will receive \$628,000, while Archway East will get \$94,000 and the Bell Jordan Group Home in Warsaw will get \$20,000. Both of these are involved in the county's mental health program.

The social services department will receive \$516,259 from the county. The budget also provides \$129,500 for public assistance.

Farm programs (extension service and soil conservation service) will receive \$121,756.

This money will be used for the proposed courthouse annex and renovation, according to Russell Tucker, county accountant. By using the funds for this project, the county will be able to use non-federal money for financing the new jail and thus avoid having to meet costly federal jail standards.

The jail will be financed from lock grant, court facility fee and general funds. The court facilities fees on hand total \$130,000 and another \$30,000 is expected during this fiscal year.

Bids on the courthouse annex and an alternate on renovating the old courthouse will be opened August 2.

The new budget provides \$1,213,586 as the county's share of the school system's current expenses and \$140,414 for school outlay.

The Board also approved the request of Sheriff Elwood Revelle to appoint Josephine Outlaw as matron at the county jail on a salary of \$7,476 a year. She has been working part-time in this position.

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The county health department will receive \$279,878.

The sheriff's department will get \$351,977 and jail operation and maintenance will receive \$127,800.

The budget also provides \$275,636 for the sanitary landfill, \$127,777 for rescue squads, \$93,731 for library service, and \$100,000 for debt service.

Walter Lee Brown of Route 2, Rose Hill, was hired as food services supervisor at the meeting of Duplin County Board of Commissioners Tuesday. Brown succeeds Anita Carlton, who resigned. The supervisor handles the food for the program for the aged. The position pays \$9,300 a year.

The Board also re-approved Frank Moore as tax supervisor for a two-year term.

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Beulaville received a grant of \$9,600 from the same source to extend the water mains to East Duplin High School.

Relief from tax penalties of \$29 was granted Thomas O. Rabon of Magnolia Township. Rabon said he went to the local tax listing site twice to list his taxes and found it closed. He said he then went to the county office in Kenansville but couldn't list there as his papers were at the Magnolia lister's. He asked county officials to call him when the books were returned to Kenansville. They did and he went to the county seat and listed his taxes, but when he got his tax notice, found a penalty listing included.

Leland Grady, county tax collector, reported collecting \$3,230,740.91 in taxes in the past fiscal year, an increase of \$214,280.39 over the preceding year.

#### NEW EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The new emergency telephone number for Kenansville and Beulaville only has been changed. The new number is 296-1874, effective July 8, 1977.

#### PRAYER BREAKFAST

There will be a dutch prayer breakfast at The Country Girl Restaurant on July 12, at 7:00 a.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### New Phone Book Has New Look

The new telephone directory now being delivered this week by Carolina Telephone to subscribers in Warsaw, Beulaville, Faison, Kenansville, Rose Hill and Wallace has a new look.

It has for the first time combined the alphabetical listings for all of these exchanges into one section to enable telephone users to more quickly find any telephone number in the six communities. Also the new Directory is printed in larger and bolder type for easier reading.

Street Richardson, district commercial manager for the company, said the change in the listing method was made for the convenience of telephone customers in these exchanges. "Combining listings into one section has proven most beneficial in other locations," Richardson said. "I'm confident that our customers will welcome this new format once they become accustomed to it."

He pointed out that since some of the exchanges listed in the directory are linked by extended area service, the combined listing method will make numbers in these exchanges much easier to locate.

Individual exchange identification is shown in a block in the corner of each right-hand page. This new phone book will be delivered to subscribers prior to July 8, and will become effective on that date.

The cover features a portrait of a mother and her baby and carries a philosophical message about the nature of communications.

### New Electronic Central Office To Serve Kenansville

A new \$691,000 electronic, computer-controlled central office will be placed in service by Carolina Telephone on July 8 to serve Kenansville subscribers. Street Richardson, district commercial manager for the company, said that conversion to the new facility would require many number changes and make it necessary to dial all seven digits to complete a local call.

The new office will enable the company to offer "U-Touch" service with a whole new series of push button telephones available. A new dialing code will become effective with the conversion for calling the telephone business office. In addition, a new dialing code for calling another party on a party line will become effective.

Richardson said that the new codes are listed in a permanent directory which has been provided to all Kenansville, Warsaw and Beulaville subscribers. He urged telephone users to refer to this directory before dialing calls to Kenansville telephones starting July 8, and reminded that all seven digits must be dialed.

The manager cautioned that with the new electronic equipment, delays in dialing (after receiving dial tone and between digits on local and long distance calls) will result in a busy signal. "The expansion program was engineered to enable the company to meet future growth requirements," Richardson concluded.

### Four More Arrested In Raid Results

Four more persons were arrested last Wednesday by Duplin County sheriff's officers as a result of the undercover work of state agents in connection with liquor law violations.

Forty-one persons were arrested during a series of weekend raids throughout the county. They are scheduled to appear in district court later this month.

Charged with liquor law violations Wednesday night were Marilyn J. Edwards, 50, Rt. 2, Faison, three counts and bond set at \$450; Leroy Jackson, 34, Turkey, nine counts, bond \$1,000; Dorothy Murphy Chasten, 51, Rt. 1, Chinquapin, four counts, bond \$250; and Ervin Lee Chasten, 50, Rt. 1, Chinquapin, bond \$450.



### The Liberty Cart, A Duplin Story

Tonight in opening night for the second season of "The Liberty Cart." This year the musical drama is considerably different from last year's production. There are a number of special effects, the scenes are broader and more humorous.

The set has been designed by Carter King, a company from Chapel Hill. This year's technical director, Rick Young, has done a fantastic job of carrying out the new design. Director Tony Rivenbark states that the new set is a vast improvement over that of last year. Not only does it add to the beauty of the drama, but it adds much to the atmosphere and efficiency of the production.

Tom Hull is back this year. As most people know, last year Phenix Fickett, the poddler and narrator, who is timeless and likes a snort, was played by Tom. He comes to the area from New York, and played Old Tom at the Lost Colony for eight years and is a great asset to The Liberty Cart.

Most employees of the town will receive a five percent pay increase.

The water and sewer rates will remain the same, with the

### Warsaw Passes Budget

The Warsaw town council approved a 1977-78 budget of \$614,674 at its meeting Tuesday night.

Although the budget will be \$12,000 higher than the current budget, the tax rate will remain at the present 86 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Some of the major budget categories include: administration \$45,963; police \$120,750; streets, including Powell Bill funds from the state, \$127,862;

first 4,000 gallons of water costing \$5, the sewer bill amounting to half the water bill and the trash pickup at \$1 per month. A minimum utilities bill will remain at \$8.50 per month. About \$147,000 of the town's total budget will come from the ad valorem tax.

The town will pay \$3,950 as part of the Pinecrest cemetery which has been incorporated into the town. Notices have been sent to lot owners to pay amounts determined by lot size into a fund to be banked.

Interest from this fund will be used for upkeep of the cemetery after the project gets underway.

Sanitation, \$35,307; recreation, \$15,765; and fire department, \$14,393.